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DIARY NOTES

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1. I telephoned Mr. Samuelson of the General Accounting Office and asked him to invite their General Counsel, Mr. Robert Keller, to attend the briefing on Thursday. H

2. Jim Garrison was up to brief me on a number of items, as follows:

a. He said that we were now paying 12-1/2 cents per gallon for water and recommended that we dig a well and put in a small filter plan. I approved in principle.

b. He reported that while on the [redacted] he arranged with the [redacted] Office and that it has everything that we could want. H 25X1A

c. He alerted me that the auditor had been critical of the Office of Logistics for being too lax in the control of operational property. He plans to tighten this up and will probably be sending us a paper on it within the next several days.

d. He advised me that General Services Administration had requested us informally to investigate a wing of "M" Building which they want to tear down to make way for the new bridge. I agreed with Jim that our position should be that we cannot vacate this space until our new building is ready. H

e. He alerted me to the fact that we would have to sign a contract with the Telephone Company in the near future for the equipment to go into our new building as well as the satellite switchboard. Such contracts cost us nothing if we use the equipment for five years. If we do not, however, we have to pay a prorated amount depending upon the length of time the equipment is actually used. I told Jim he should go ahead and sign this contract but before doing so I would like to be advised of the rough order of magnitude of the contract. H

f. I advised him that I had instructed Ed Saunders to go ahead and see if he could exchange money with the Bureau of the Budget to straighten out our Stock Account No. 2.

3. Gordon Stewart was up to see me:

a. He showed me a memorandum which he had addressed to the Deputy Directors outlining his proposal for the establishment of a retirement board. I

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approved of the memorandum as drafted but requested that he attach a buckslip to it asking the Deputies to hold this very closely until we had cleared it with General Cabell and the Director.

b. He raised with me a paper suggesting that Career Service slots not be picked up on an individual basis when positions were eliminated at a field station but rather that we reviewed these periodically, say once a month, and make the necessary adjustments. I think that this makes sense but I will have to follow up on it with [REDACTED] and company.

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c. He also raised with me a paper outlining his proposal for a "riff" with the CIA according to our own special procedures and said that he proposed to write to the Civil Service Commission asking them for their reaction. After some discussion we agreed that it would be better to discuss the matter with the Commission informally at first rather than writing to them and running the risk of getting a negative reply.

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